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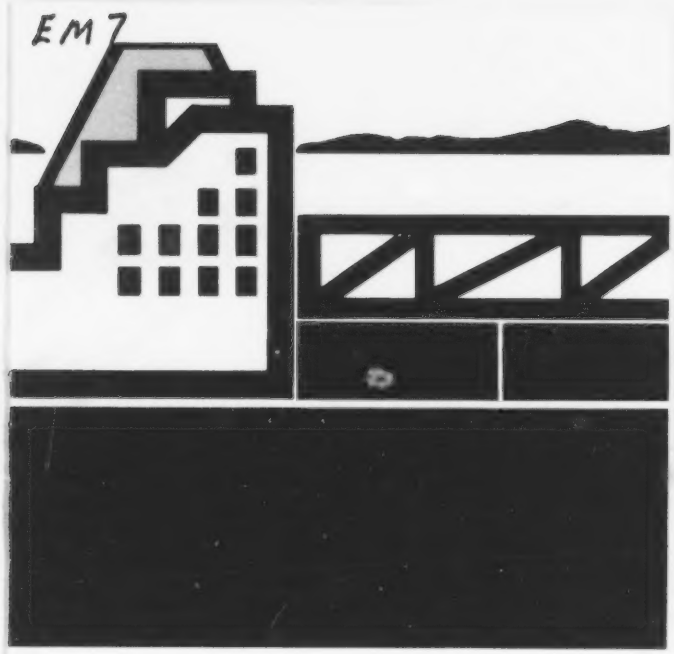

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Information Concerning Employment and Training in the U.S. Merchant Marine

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INTRODUCTION

The U.S. merchant marine is a fleet of privately owned, U.S. registered merchant ships which provide waterborne transportation for cargoes moving between U.S. and foreign ports. Employment on these ships is the responsibility of the owners and is handled for the most part by maritime labor unions. Part-time or summer employment is not available. The level of seafaring employment is determined by the state of U.S. and world business conditions.

This pamphlet provides information on shipboard employment. Other categories of employment in the maritime industry include shipbuilding and ship repair, longshoring (cargo handling), port terminal administration, dredging, towing and offshore oil and mineral operations.

UNITED STATES MARITIME ADMINISTRATION

The Maritime Administration (MARAD) has Regional Offices in areas of concentrated shipping activity and can provide information on seafaring employment and training. MARAD is also responsible for the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, New York. Addresses and telephone numbers are:

Maritime Administration
Eastern Region Director
Federal Building
26 Federal Plaza
New York, NY 10278
Phone: (212) 264-1300

Maritime Administration
Great Lakes Region Director
2300 East Devon Ave., Suite 254
Des Plaines, IL 60018
Phone: (312) 298-4535

Maritime Administration
Central Region Director
ITM Building
#2 Canal Street
New Orleans, LA 70130-1580
Phone: (504) 589-6556

Maritime Administration
Western Region Director
211 Main Street, Room 1112
San Francisco, CA 94105
Phone: (415) 974-7893

Superintendent
U.S. Merchant Marine Academy
Kings Point, NY 11024
Phone: (516) 482-8200

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

The United States Coast Guard is the regulatory agency responsible for licensing and documentation of all U.S. merchant mariners at United States Coast Guard Marine Inspection or Marine Safety Office/ Regional Examination Centers (REC). Prospective applicants for seafaring employment are encouraged to contact the nearest office for local advice and explanation of regulations.

List of U.S. Coast Guard Regional Examination Centers (RECs):

ALASKA, Anchorage
U.S. Coast Guard, Marine Safety Office (REC),
701 C Street, Box 17, Anchorage, AK 99513
(907) 271-5137

ALASKA, Juneau
U.S. Coast Guard, Marine Safety Office (REC),
612 Willoughby Avenue, Juneau, AK 99801
(907) 586-7325

CALIFORNIA, Alameda
U.S. Coast Guard, Marine Safety Office (REC),
Building 14, Room 109, Government Island,
Alameda, CA 94501
(415) 437-3094

CALIFORNIA, Long Beach
U.S. Coast Guard, Marine Safety Office (REC),
165 N. Pico Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90802
(213) 590-2383

FLORIDA, Miami
U.S. Coast Guard, Marine Safety Office (REC),
1st Floor, 155 South Miami Ave.
Miami, FL 33130
(305) 536-6548

HAWAII, Honolulu
U.S. Coast Guard, Marine Safety Office (REC),
Room 1, 433 Ala Moana Blvd.,
Honolulu, HI 96813
(808) 546-7318

LOUISIANA, New Orleans
U.S. Coast Guard, Marine Inspection Office (REC),
F. Edward Hebert Building, 600 South Street,
New Orleans, LA 70130
(504) 589-6183

MARYLAND, Baltimore
U.S. Coast Guard, Marine Safety Office (REC),
U.S. Custom House, Baltimore, MD 21202
(301) 962-5136

MASSACHUSETTS, Boston
U.S. Coast Guard, Marine Safety Office (REC),
447 Commercial Street, Boston, MA 02114
(617) 523-0139

MISSOURI, St. Louis
U.S. Coast Guard, Marine Safety Office (REC),
210 N. Tucker Blvd., Rm. 1128,
St. Louis, MO 63101
(314) 425-4657

NEW YORK, New York
U.S. Coast Guard, Marine Inspection Office (REC),
Battery Park Building,
New York NY 10004
(212) 668-7258

OHIO, Toledo
U.S. Coast Guard, Marine Safety Office (REC),
Room 501, Federal Building, 234 Summit Street,
Toledo, OH 43604
(419) 259-6394

OREGON, Portland
6767 N. Basin Ave.
Portland, OR 97217
(503) 240–9346

SOUTH CAROLINA, Charleston
U.S. Coast Guard, Marine Safety Office (REC),
196 Tradd Street, P.O. Box 724,
Charleston, SC 29402
(803) 724–4164

TENNESSEE, Memphis
U.S. Coast Guard, Marine Safety Office (REC),
100 N. Main Street, Suite 1134,
Memphis, TN 38103
(901) 521–3297

TEXAS, Houston
U.S. Coast Guard, Marine Inspection Office (REC),
7300 Wingate Street, Houston, TX 77011
(713) 229–3560

WASHINGTON, Seattle
U.S. Coast Guard, Marine Inspection Office (REC),
1519 Alaskan Way S., Bldg. 1,
Seattle, WA 98134
(206) 442–4923

List of U.S. Coast Guard Monitoring Facilities:

CALIFORNIA, San Diego
U.S. Coast Guard, Marine Safety Office
2710 N. Harbor Dr.,
San Diego, CA 92101
(213) 590–2383 (REC Long Beach phone)

VIRGINIA, Norfolk
U.S. Coast Guard, Marine Safety Office
Norfolk Federal Bldg., 200 Granby Mall,
Norfolk, VA 23510
(301) 962–5136 (REC Baltimore phone)

PUERTO RICO, San Juan
P.O. Box S–3666
Old San Juan, PR 00904
(809) 725–2697

TYPICAL SALARIES

Crew members of American merchant ships enjoy excellent pay, and working and living conditions. Most jobs provide 13 days or more paid vacation for each 30 days worked. An example of average pay by a cross section of typical ratings on a modern freighter is shown below:

Officer Rating	Monthly Base Wage	Overtime	Total
Third Assistant Engineer	$2,523	$1,996	$4,519
Third Mate	2,507	1,983	4,490
Radio Operator	3,172	2,509	5,681
Crew Ratings			
Able Seaman	1,381	1,092	2,473
Fireman-Watertender	1,381	1,092	2,473
Ordinary Seaman	1,079	853	1,932
Wiper	1,282	1,014	2,296
Food Handler	1,071	847	1,918

THE MERCHANT MARINER'S DOCUMENT

No one may be employed on U.S.-flag merchant vessels of 100 gross tons or over without a merchant mariner's document issued by one of the U.S. Coast Guard Regional Examination Centers previously listed. Applicants must meet the following general requirements:

a. An applicant without previous experience at sea must present a letter of commitment for seafaring employment, normally obtained from a steamship company or a maritime labor organization, certifying that the applicant will be employed as a ship's crew member. An applicant with prior service at sea, such as with the U.S. Navy or U.S. Coast Guard, may present an approved transcript of such service in lieu of a letter of commitment.

b. An applicant must be at least 16 years old, and if under 18 years, must present parent's or guardian's notarized consent. Employment must not be contrary to the child labor laws of the State in which the applicant lives.

c. An applicant must present a birth certificate, baptismal certificate, or other acceptable evidence of citizenship, a social security card, and three unmounted, dull-finished photographs of passport type (2 × 1½ inches) taken within one year and showing the full face at least 1 inch in height with head uncovered.

d. Aliens must produce evidence of nationality and acceptable evidence from the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service that they have been lawfully admitted to the United States.

e. Applications must be made in person at a Coast Guard Regional Examination Center.

ADDITIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

The Lake Carriers Association, Great Lakes Job Referral Center Program, 915 Rockefeller Building, Cleveland, Ohio, 44113, can furnish information regarding employment opportunities for unlicensed personnel on the Great Lakes.

The Independent Tanker Association, which represents the employees of several major tanker companies, may be able to suggest shipboard employment with tanker operators who hire through company facilities. The Independent Tanker Association office is at P.O. Box 175, Palisades, NY 10964.

The Military Sealift Command (MSC), Department of the Navy, operates numerous merchant-type ships manned by civilian crews employed under civil service regulations. Previous U.S. Navy or U.S. Coast Guard experience is a major consideration in filling available jobs. Salaries of civilian crew members aboard MSC ships are based on wage rates and practices which are similar to the commercial

shipping industry. MSC employment offices are as follows:

Commander, Military Sealift Command—Pacific
Employment Division Code P-22
Naval Supply Center—Building 310
Oakland, CA 94625

Commander, Military Sealift Command—Atlantic
Military Ocean Terminal—Building 42
Bayonne, NJ 07002

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army, operates floating equipment which is used to maintain and improve the Nation's waterways. These vessels are also manned by civilian crews employed under civil service regulations. Employment opportunities are very limited. For information contact:

Headquarters
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Attn: DAEN-PEC-S
20 Massachusetts Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20314-1000

The National Ocean Service (NOS) of the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, operates high seas and inland oceanographic research and survey vessels. Most of the operating personnel are under civil service regulations. Employment centers for the NOS are as follows:

Director, Atlantic Marine Center
National Ocean Service (NOAA)
439 West York Street
Norfolk, VA 23510

Director, Pacific Marine Center
National Ocean Service (NOAA)
1801 Fairview Avenue East
Seattle, WA 98102

MARITIME TRAINING

The U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, State Maritime Academies and Southern Marine Vocational Technical Institute (SMVTI) provide officer entry training which takes from 3 to 4

years to complete. The Seafarers Harry Lundeberg School of Seamanship provides crew entry training which takes less than 1 year to complete. Some of the programs offer a continuing education or skills upgrading component. Student costs, enrollment levels and entry qualifications will vary. A list of schools and special courses follows:

Federal Merchant Marine Academy

Superintendent
U.S. Merchant Marine Academy
Kings Point, NY 11024
(516) 482-8200

State Maritime Academies

President
State University of New York Maritime College
Fort Schuyler, NY 10465
(212) 409-7200

Superintendent
Maine Maritime Academy
Castine, ME 04420
(207) 326-4311

Superintendent
Texas Maritime College
Texas A&M University at Galveston
P.O. Box 1675
Galveston, TX 77553
(409) 740-4403

President
Massachusetts Maritime Academy
Buzzards Bay, MA 02532
(617) 759-5761

President
California Maritime Academy
Vallejo, CA 94590
(707) 648-4200

Superintendent
Great Lakes Maritime Academy
Northwestern Michigan College
Traverse City, MI 49684
(616) 922-1203

Maritime Labor Operated Schools

Calhoon MEBA Engineering School
Route 5, Box 509
Easton, MD 21601
(301) 822-9600

Maritime Institute of Technology
& Graduate Studies
5700 Hammonds Ferry Road
Linthicum Heights, MD 21090
(301) 859-5700

NMU Upgrading and Retraining Plan
346 West 17th Street
New York, NY 10011
(212) 675-7300

The Seafarers Harry Lundeberg School
of Seamanship
Piney Point, MD 20674
(301) 994-0010

District #2 MEBA-AMO Safety and
Education Plan-School of Marine
Engineering and Navigation
2 West Dixie Highway
Dania, FL 33004
(305) 920-3222

District #2 MEBA-AMO Safety and
Education Plan-School of Marine
Engineering and Navigation
1 Maritime Plaza
Toledo, OH 43604
(419) 255-3940

Radio Officers Union, District 3, NMEBA (AFL-CIO)
Maritime Electronic Training School
Route 5, Box 509
Easton, MD 21601
(301) 820-8020

ARA-TIME
Department of MITAGS
5700 Hammonds Ferry Road
Linthicum Heights, MD 21090
(301) 859-5700

Other Schools

Young Memorial Vocational Technical School
P.O. Drawer 2148
Morgan City, LA 70381
(504) 384-6526

Seattle Central Community College
Marine Technology
4455 Shilshole Ave., N.W.
Seattle, WA 98107
(206) 587-3884

Southern Maine Vocational Technical Institute
Fort Road
South Portland, ME 04106
(207) 799-7303

Seaman's Church Institute
SCI Maritime Training
50 Broadway
New York, NY 10004
(212) 269-2710

Louisiana Marine & Petroleum Institute
P.O. Box 10251
Station 1
Houma, LA 70363
(504) 851-3322

MARAD Diesel Engineering Course

U.S. merchant ships are changing from steam to more economical diesel power plants. To help facilitate this transition, the Maritime Administration offers a special training program for qualified merchant seamen. For information, contact the following:

U.S. Merchant Marine Academy
Continuing Education Coordinator
Marine Diesel Program
Kings Point, NY 11024
(516) 482-8200, Ext. 468

Marine Fire Fighting Courses

The Maritime Administration and U.S. Coast Guard jointly evaluate marine fire fighting courses. For information on schools that are certificated, contact the following:

Maritime Administration
Eastern Region Fire Training Registrar
26 Federal Plaza, 37th Floor
New York, NY 10278
(212) 264-1151

Maritime Administration
Great Lakes Region Fire Training Center
2600 Eber Road
Swanton, OH 43558
(419) 259-6362

Maritime Administration
Western Region Ship Management Office
Fire Training Registrar
211 Main Street, Room 1112
San Francisco, CA 94105
(415) 974-7990

Delgado Community College
Fire School
13200 Old Gentilly Road
New Orleans, LA 70129
(504) 483-4051

Houston Marine Training Services
1600 20th Street
Kenner, LA 70062
(504) 469-9913

Louisiana Marine & Petroleum Institute
P.O. Box 10251
Station 1
Houma, LA 70363
(504) 851-3322

Maritime Institute of Technology
& Graduate Studies
5700 Hammonds Ferry Road
Linthicum Heights, MD 21090
(301) 859-5700

Seaman's Church Institute
SCI Maritime Training
50 Broadway
New York, NY 10004
(212) 269-2710

Texas Engineering Extension Service
Texas A&M University System
Fire Protection Training Division
College Station, TX 77843-8000
(409) 845-1152

Washington State Fire Training Center
Marine Division
P.O. Box 1273
North Bend, WA 98045
(206) 888-4523

Sea School
3770 16th Street, N.
St. Petersburg, FL 33704
1-800-237-8663

Young Memorial Vocational Technical School
P.O. Drawer 2148
Morgan City, LA 70381
(504) 384-6526

Collision Avoidance Navigation Radar Courses

The Maritime Administration and U.S. Coast Guard also evaluate shipboard radar courses. A list of schools that are certificated follows:

Alaska Vocational Technical Center
P.O. Box 615
Seward, AL 99664
(907) 224-3322

California Maritime Academy
P.O. Box 1392
Vallejo, CA 94590
(707) 648-4162

Delgado Community College
Radar School
6th Floor, Unit 1, Section A
4400 Dauphine Street
New Orleans, LA 70146
(504) 568-6246

Great Lakes Maritime Acadamy
Northwestern Michigan College
Traverse City, MI 49684
(616) 946-5650

Seafarers Harry Lundeberg School
of Seamanship
Piney Point, MD 20674
(301) 994-0010

Maine Maritime Academy
Castine, ME 04421
(207) 326-4311

Maritime Safety Consultants/
Tidewater School of Navigation
Room 314, Lonsdale Bldg.
207 Granby Mall
Norfolk, VA 23510
(804) 625-7004

Marine Safety International
Marine Air Terminal
La Guardia Airport
New York, NY 11371
(212) 565-4125

Marine Simulation, Inc.
Suite 240
17 Battery Place
New York, NY 10004
(212) 422-0990

Maritime Institute of Technology
& Graduate Studies
5700 Hammonds Ferry Road
Linthicum Heights, MD 21090
(301) 859-5700

Massachusetts Maritime Academy
Buzzards Bay, MA 02532
(617) 759-5761

M. M. & P. Maritime Advancement
Training, Education and Safety
Program (Radar School)
2228 Elliott Avenue
Seattle, WA 98121
(206) 628-0419

MEBA D#2-AMO Great Lakes Radar School
1 Maritime Plaza
Toledo, OH 43604
(419) 255-3940

Radar School
Coastal Zone Laborarory
Texas A&M University at Galveston
P.O. Box 1675
Galveston, TX 77553
(409) 740-4465

Seaman's Church Institute
SCI Maritime Training Radar School
50 Broadway
New York, NY 10004
(212) 269-2710

Sea School
3770 16th Street, N.
St. Petersburg, FL 33704
1-800-237-8663 (national)

Southern Maine Vocational-Technical Institute
Fort Road
South Portland, ME 04106
(207) 799-7303

State University of New York
Maritime College
Ft. Schuyler, Bronx, NY 10465
(212) 409-7200

U.S. Army Transportation School
Building 2715-E
Ft. Eustis, VA 23604
(804) 878-5801

U.S. Merchant Marine Academy
Kings Point, NY 11024
(516) 482-8200

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